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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.

In the Specification

Please add the following paragraph at page 1, line 5:

--This application claims priority under 35 USC §119(e) to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/175,200, filed January 10, 2000.--

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to reflect the priority claimed for this application. It

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is believed that the amendments outlined hereinabove place all pending claims in condition for allowance, and an early action to that effect is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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